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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups: Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, Ms. Zhang Dan (China), on the basis of informal consultations

First review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling that the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002,[1] adopted by the Second World Assembly on Ageing, held in Madrid from 8 to 12 April 2002, requested the systematic review of its implementation by Member States as being essential for its success in improving the quality of life of older persons,

Recalling also that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2003/14 of 21 July 2003, invited Governments, the United Nations system and civil society to participate in a bottom-up approach to the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action,

Bearing in mind that in its resolution 42/1 of 13 February 2004, the Commission decided to undertake a review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action every five years,

Mindful that in its resolution 44/1 of 17 February 2006, it endorsed the calendar and the global theme for the first review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action, "Addressing the challenges and opportunities of ageing", and decided to start the first global cycle of review and

[1] *Report of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, 8-12 April 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.IV.4), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

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appraisal in 2007 at its forty-fifth session and to conclude it in 2008 at its forty-sixth session,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "First review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing: preliminary assessment"[2] and of the note by the Secretary-General entitled "Regional implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002",[3]

1. *Recognizes* the successful conclusion of the first review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, and its results at the international, regional and national levels;

2. *Calls upon* Governments to continue to participate effectively in the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action, through, inter alia, improving data collection and sharing ideas, information and good practices;

3. *Encourages* Governments to continue their efforts to mainstream the concerns of older persons into their policy agendas, bearing in mind the crucial importance of family, intergenerational interdependence, solidarity and reciprocity for social development and the realization of all human rights for older persons, and to prevent age discrimination and to provide social integration;

4. *Encourages* Member States to strengthen efforts to develop their national capacity to address the national implementation priorities identified during the review and appraisal exercise, and invites Member States that have not done so to consider a step-by-step approach to developing the capacity to set national priorities and strengthen institutional mechanisms for research, data collection and analysis and the training of necessary personnel in the field of ageing;

5. *Stresses* the need for additional capacity-building at the national level guided by each country's needs in order to promote and facilitate the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action, and in this connection encourages Governments to support the United Nations Trust Fund for Ageing to enable the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat to provide expanded assistance to countries, upon their request;

6. *Invites* Governments to conduct their policies related to ageing through inclusive consultations with relevant stakeholders and social development partners, in the interest of creating national policy ownership and consensus-building and to include older persons as participants in planning, designing, implementing and evaluating policies on ageing, poverty eradication and social protection;

7. *Invites* Governments as well as all other major national and international stakeholders to continue their cooperation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, as the United Nations global focal point on ageing, in further implementing the Madrid Plan of Action;

8. *Acknowledges* the essential contributions of the United Nations regional commissions to the implementation, review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action, including the organization of regional review and appraisal meetings and the preparation of their outcome documents, and calls upon the Secretary-General to strengthen the work of the United Nations regional commissions, including their

[2] E/CN.5/2008/7 and Corr.1.

[3] E/CN.5/2008/2.

focal points on ageing, to enable them to continue their regional implementation activities;

9. *Encourages* the international community to enhance international cooperation to support national efforts to eradicate poverty, in keeping with internationally agreed goals, in order to achieve sustainable social and economic support for older persons, including to build capacity on ageing through stronger partnerships with civil society, such as organizations of older persons, academia, research foundations and community-based organizations, and with the private sector;

10. *Encourages* the international community and the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, to support national efforts and to provide funding for research and data collection initiatives on ageing in order to better understand the challenges and opportunities presented by population ageing and to provide policymakers with more accurate and specific information on gender and ageing, such as for policy planning, monitoring and evaluation;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider taking necessary measures to improve the institutional capacity of the United Nations system, including, inter alia, the maintenance and strengthening of focal points on ageing to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities for furthering the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action and the elaboration of the strategic implementation framework for the Plan;

12. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission for Social Development, at its forty-seventh session in 2009, a report on the analysis of the conclusions of the first review and appraisal exercise, including a strategic implementation framework based on the analysis of national activities since 2002, in order to provide the identification of policy priorities for the future and the identification of measures for international cooperation to support national implementation activities, and requests the Secretary-General to submit in the same report information on the implementation of the present resolution;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the strategic implementation framework for furthering the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action, to consult Governments and intergovernmental organizations, including organizations of the United Nations system, taking into account the contributions of academia and non-governmental organizations, in particular those that work with and for older persons, on the substantive and practical content of the framework.